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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Criminal Case No. 08CR0254-WQH
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Date: March 17, 2008
	)	Time: 2:00 p.m.
v.	)	
	)	GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE AND
JOSE SOBERANES-ROBLES,	)	OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S
	)	MOTIONS TO:
Defendant.	)	
	)	(1) COMPEL DISCOVERY;
	)	(2) PRESERVE EVIDENCE;
	)	(3) DISMISS DUE TO GRAND JURY
	)	INSTRUCTION; AND
	)	(4) FILE FURTHER MOTIONS.
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	)	TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT OF
	)	FACTS, MEMORANDUM OF POINTS
	)	AND AUTHORITIES.
	)	

COMES NOW, the plaintiff, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel KAREN P. HEWITT, United States Attorney, and ALESSANDRA P. SERANO, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and hereby files its Response and Opposition to the motions filed on behalf of defendant JOSE SOBERANES-ROBLES ("Defendant") which is based upon the files and records of this case.

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**I****STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

On January 30, 2008, a federal grand jury for the Southern District of California returned a two-count Indictment, charging Defendant with importation of cocaine and possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841, 952, 960. The Defendant was arraigned on the Indictment on February 5, 2008, and entered a not guilty plea.

**II****STATEMENT OF FACTS****A. THE OFFENSE**

On January 19, 2008, at approximately 9:54 p.m., Defendant entered the United States in the pre-primary area of the Calexico West Port of entry. Customs and Border Protection Officers Jones and Parrish were conducting pre-primary roving operations with a narcotic detector dog. The dog alerted to a green 1995 Toyota Tercel with California license plate number 5MDX066, which Defendant was driving. Officers escorted the vehicle through primary lane #9 for further inspection.

At primary, Officer Lopez received a negative customs declaration from the Defendant, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle. Defendant presented his Resident Alien card for identification. The vehicle was sent to secondary inspection for further inspection.

At secondary, Officer Othon received a negative customs declaration again from the Defendant. He was sent to the security office where officers patted him down and found nothing. Defendant was asked about the ownership of the vehicle and his purpose in Mexico. He stated that he was visiting his girlfriend in Mexicali and was in the process of buying the vehicle from his girlfriend's neighbor, "Susana". He claimed he could not recall "Susana's" last name.

Officers conducted the inspection of the vehicle at secondary where they found a special compartment underneath the rear seat. A total of 16 packages were removed from the compartment, each containing a white powdery substance later identified as cocaine. The weight of these packages was approximately 18 kilograms/39.6 pounds.

1           Officer Othon returned the security office where he placed Defendant under arrest.  
2 Defendant was observed lowering his head, signed and his eyes began to water.

3           **D.     DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT**

4           Defendant was advised of his Miranda rights in Spanish by ICE Special Agent Herzog and  
5 witnessed by Special Agent Steele at approximately 12:42 a.m. Defendant acknowledged those  
6 rights and agreed to speak to agents. He was also advised of his right to speak to the Mexican  
7 consulate. He lowered his head and stated, in Spanish, that he wanted to "fuck" the people who  
8 sent him here. He then stated that he wanted agents to help him "fuck" the people that sent him  
9 and told agents that they could help him "fuck" that guy. Defendant denied knowledge of the  
10 drugs in the vehicle. He admitted he took possession of the vehicle when he learned he could buy  
11 it cheap, for \$1,000.00. He also stated he buys and sells vehicles. He claimed that he was going  
12 to buy the vehicle for his girlfriend.

13           Agent Herzog advised Defendant that she did not believe him because in his line of work,  
14 he could get a better deal on a vehicle and in better condition. Defendant then allowed Agent  
15 Herzog to obtain the telephone number for Susana from one of two cellular phones he had in his  
16 possession. Defendant claimed one phone was his and the other was his girlfriend's phone.

17           Agents then advised him that they had found 18 kilograms of cocaine in the vehicle.  
18 Defendant asked what he could do o he would not have to go to jail. Agent Herzog advised him  
19 that he was going to jail. Defendant later told agents words to the affect "let's get those people and  
20 see if we can get more somewhere else." He later described Susana and another man, Martin.

21           At the end of the interview, Defendant was allowed to call his girlfriend. He was overheard  
22 saying that when he gets out of jail, he was going to kill "Kiti." He later called another friend to  
23 get his personal property. He told the friend that the vehicle with the car seat in the rear had  
24 cocaine in the trunk and that he should find "Kiti" and kill him.

## III

**UNITED STATES' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES****A. THE MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY SHOULD BE DENIED**

The Government intends to fully comply with its discovery obligations under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), the Jencks Act (18 U.S.C. § 3500), and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The Government anticipates that most discovery issues can be resolved amicably and informally, and has addressed Defendant's specific requests below.

**(1) The Defendant's Statements**

The Government recognizes its obligation under Rules 16(a)(1)(A) and 16(a)(1)(B) to provide to Defendant the substance of Defendant's oral statements and Defendant's written statements. The Government has produced all of Defendant's written statements that are known to the undersigned Assistant U.S. Attorney at this date and has also produced all available videotapes and/or audiotapes. If the Government discovers additional oral or written statements that require disclosure under Rule 16(a)(1)(A) or Rule 16(a)(1)(B), such statements will be provided to Defendant.

The Government has no objection to the preservation of the handwritten notes taken by any of the Government's agents and officers. See United States v. Harris, 543 F.2d 1247, 1253 (9th Cir. 1976) (agents must preserve their original notes of interviews of an accused or prospective government witnesses). However, the Government objects to providing Defendant with a copy of any rough notes at this time. Rule 16(a)(1)(A) does not require disclosure of the rough notes where the content of those notes have been accurately reflected in a type-written report. See United States v. Brown, 303 F.3d 582, 590 (5th Cir. 2002); United States v. Coe, 220 F.3d 573, 583 (7th Cir. 2000) (Rule 16(a)(1)(A) does not require disclosure of an agent's notes even where there are "minor discrepancies" between the notes and a report). The Government is not required to produce rough notes pursuant to the Jencks Act, because the notes do not constitute "statements" (as defined 18 U.S.C. § 3500(e)) unless the notes (1) comprise both a substantially verbatim narrative of a witness' assertion, and (2) have been approved or adopted by the witness. United States v. Spencer, 618 F.2d 605, 606-07 (9th Cir. 1980). The rough notes in this case do not

constitute “statements” in accordance with the Jencks Act. See United States v. Ramirez, 954 F.2d 1035, 1038-39 (5th Cir. 1992) (rough notes were not statements under the Jencks Act where notes were scattered and all the information contained in the notes was available in other forms). The notes are not Brady material because the notes do not present any material exculpatory information, or any evidence favorable to Defendant that is material to guilt or punishment. Brown, 303 F.3d at 595-96 (rough notes were not Brady material because the notes were neither favorable to the defense nor material to defendant’s guilt or punishment); United States v. Ramos, 27 F.3d 65, 71 (3d Cir. 1994) (mere speculation that agents’ rough notes contained Brady evidence was insufficient). If, during a future evidentiary hearing, certain rough notes become discoverable under Rule 16, the Jencks Act, or Brady, the notes in question will be provided to Defendant.

**(2) Arrest Reports, Notes and Dispatch Tapes**

The United States has provided the Defendant with arrest reports. As noted previously, agent rough notes, if any exist, will be preserved, but they will not be produced as part of Rule 16 discovery.

**(3) Brady Material**

Again, the United States is well aware of and will continue to perform its duty under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and United States v. Agurs, 427 U.S. 97 (1976), to disclose exculpatory evidence within its possession that is material to the issue of guilt or punishment. Defendant, however, is not entitled to all evidence known or believed to exist which is, or may be, favorable to the accused, or which pertains to the credibility of the United States’ case. As stated in United States v. Gardner, 611 F.2d 770 (9th Cir. 1980), it must be noted that “the prosecution does not have a constitutional duty to disclose every bit of information that might affect the jury’s decision; it need only disclose information favorable to the defense that meets the appropriate standard of materiality.” Id. at 774-775 (citation omitted).

The United States will turn over evidence within its possession which could be used to properly impeach a witness who has been called to testify.

Although the United States will provide conviction records, if any, which could be used to impeach a witness, the United States is under no obligation to turn over the criminal records of

all witnesses. United States v. Taylor, 542 F.2d 1023, 1026 (8th Cir. 1976). When disclosing such information, disclosure need only extend to witnesses the United States intends to call in its case-in-chief. United States v. Gering, 716 F.2d 615, 621 (9th Cir. 1983); United States v. Angelini, 607 F.2d 1305, 1309 (9th Cir. 1979).

Finally, the United States will continue to comply with its obligations pursuant to United States v. Henthorn, 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir. 1991).

**(4) Sentencing Information**

Defendant claims that the United States must disclose any information affecting Defendant's sentencing guidelines because such information is discoverable under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963). The United States respectfully contends that it has no such disclosure obligation under Brady.

The United States is not obligated under Brady to furnish a defendant with information which he already knows. United States v. Taylor, 802 F.2d 1108, 1118 n.5 (9th Cir. 1986). Brady is a rule of disclosure, and therefore, there can be no violation of Brady if the evidence is already known to the defendant. In such case, the United States has not suppressed the evidence and consequently has no Brady obligation. See United States v. Gaggi, 811 F.2d 47, 59 (2d Cir. 1987).

But even assuming Defendant does not already possess the information about factors which might affect his guideline range, the United States would not be required to provide information bearing on Defendant's mitigation of punishment until after Defendant's conviction or plea of guilty and prior to his sentencing date. See United States v. Juvenile Male, 864 F.2d 641, 647 (9th Cir. 1988) ("No [Brady] violation occurs if the evidence is disclosed to the defendant at a time when the disclosure remains in value."). Accordingly, Defendant's demand for this information is premature.

**(5) Defendant's Prior Record.**

The United States has already provided Defendant with a copy of his criminal record in accordance with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(a)(1)(B).

1                   **(6) Proposed 404(b) Evidence and 609 Evidence**

2                   Should the United States seek to introduce any similar act evidence pursuant to Federal  
3 Rules of Evidence 404(b) or 609, the United States will provide Defendant with notice of its  
4 proposed use of such evidence and information about such other acts at the time the United States'  
5 trial memorandum is filed.

6                   **(7) Evidence Seized**

7                   The United States has complied and will continue to comply with Rule 16(a)(1)(c) in  
8 allowing Defendant an opportunity, upon reasonable notice, to examine, copy and inspect physical  
9 evidence which is within the possession, custody or control of the United States, and which is  
10 material to the preparation of Defendant's defense or are intended for use by the United States as  
11 evidence in chief at trial, or were obtained from or belong to Defendant, including photographs.

12                  The United States, however, need not produce rebuttal evidence in advance of trial. United  
13 States v. Givens, 767 F.2d 574, 584 (9th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, 474 U.S. 953 (1985).

14                  **(8) Tangible Objects**

15                  The Government has complied and will continue to comply with Rule 16(a)(1)(E) in  
16 allowing Defendant an opportunity, upon reasonable notice, to examine, inspect, and copy all  
17 tangible objects seized that is within its possession, custody, or control, and that is either material  
18 to the preparation of Defendant's defense, or is intended for use by the Government as evidence  
19 during its case-in-chief at trial, or was obtained from or belongs to Defendant. The Government  
20 need not, however, produce rebuttal evidence in advance of trial. United States v. Givens, 767  
21 F.2d 574, 584 (9th Cir. 1984).

22                  **(9) Evidence of Bias or Motive to Lie**

23                  The United States is unaware of any evidence indicating that a prospective witness is biased  
24 or prejudiced against Defendant. The United States is also unaware of any evidence that  
25 prospective witnesses have a motive to falsify or distort testimony.

26                  **(10) Impeachment Evidence**

27                  As stated previously, the United States will turn over evidence within its possession which  
28 could be used to properly impeach a witness who has been called to testify.

1                   **(11) Criminal Investigation of Government Witness**

2                   Defendants are not entitled to any evidence that a prospective witness is under criminal  
3 investigation by federal, state, or local authorities. “[T]he criminal records of such [Government]  
4 witnesses are not discoverable.” United States v. Taylor, 542 F.2d 1023, 1026 (8th Cir. 1976);  
5 United States v. Riley, 657 F.2d 1377, 1389 (8th Cir. 1981) (holding that since criminal records  
6 of prosecution witnesses are not discoverable under Rule 16, rap sheets are not either); cf. United  
7 States v. Rinn, 586 F.2d 113, 118-19 (9th Cir. 1978) (noting in dicta that “[i]t has been said that  
8 the Government has no discovery obligation under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)© to supply a  
9 defendant with the criminal records of the Government’s intended witnesses.”) (citing Taylor, 542  
10 F.2d at 1026).

11                   The Government will, however, provide the conviction record, if any, which could be used  
12 to impeach witnesses the Government intends to call in its case-in-chief. When disclosing such  
13 information, disclosure need only extend to witnesses the United States intends to call in its case-  
14 in-chief. United States v. Gering, 716 F.2d 615, 621 (9th Cir. 1983); United States v. Angelini,  
15 607 F.2d 1305, 1309 (9th Cir. 1979).

16                   **(12) Evidence Affecting Perception, Recollection, Communication or Truth-Telling**

17                   The United States is unaware of any evidence indicating that a prospective witness has a  
18 problem with perception, recollection, communication, or truth-telling.

19                   **(13) Witness Addresses**

20                   The Government has already provided Defendant with the reports containing the names of  
21 the agents involved in the apprehension and interviews of Defendant. A defendant in a non-capital  
22 case, however, has no right to discover the identity of prospective Government witnesses prior to  
23 trial. See Weatherford v. Bursey, 429 U.S. 545, 559 (1977); United States v. Dishner, 974 F.2d  
24 1502, 1522 (9th Cir 1992) (citing United States v. Steel, 759 F.2d 706, 709 (9th Cir. 1985)); United  
25 States v. Hicks, 103 F.23d 837, 841 (9th Cir. 1996). Nevertheless, in its trial memorandum, the  
26 Government will provide Defendant with a list of all witnesses whom it intends to call in its case-  
27 in-chief, although delivery of such a witness list is not required. See United States v. Discher, 960  
28 F.2d 870 (9th Cir. 1992); United States v. Mills, 810 F.2d 907, 910 (9th Cir. 1987). The



1 Government is not aware of any “tips” provided by anonymous or identified persons that resulted  
2 in Defendant’s arrest.

3 The Government objects to Defendant’s request that the Government provide a list of every  
4 witness to the crimes charged who will not be called as a Government witness. “There is no  
5 statutory basis for granting such broad requests,” and a request for the names and addresses of  
6 witnesses who will not be called at trial “far exceed[s] the parameters of Rule 16(a)(1)©.” United  
7 States v. Hsin-Yung, 97 F. Supp.2d 24, 36 (D. D.C. 2000) (quoting United States v. Boffa, 513 F.  
8 Supp. 444, 502 (D. Del. 1980)). The Government is not required to produce all possible  
9 information and evidence regarding any speculative defense claimed by Defendant. Wood v.  
10 Bartholomew, 516 U.S. 1, 6-8 (1995) (per curiam) (holding that inadmissible materials that are not  
11 likely to lead to the discovery of admissible exculpatory evidence are not subject to disclosure  
12 under Brady).

13 **(14) Witnesses Favorable to the Defendant**

14 As stated earlier, the Government will continue to comply with its obligations under Brady  
15 and its progeny. Other than the material witness in this case, the Government is not aware of any  
16 witnesses who have made an “arguably favorable statement concerning the defendant or who could  
17 not identify him or who w[ere] unsure of his identity, or participation in the crime charged.”

18 **(15) Statements Relevant to the Defense**

19 To reiterate, the United States will comply with all of its discovery obligations. However,  
20 “the prosecution does not have a constitutional duty to disclose every bit of information that might  
21 affect the jury’s decision; it need only disclose information favorable to the defense that meets the  
22 appropriate standard of materiality.” Gardner, 611 F.2d at 774-775 (citation omitted). Further,  
23 Defendant is not entitled to the Grand Jury transcripts.

24 **(16) Jencks Act Material**

25 The Jencks Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3500, requires that, after a Government witness has testified  
26 on direct examination, the Government must give the Defendant any “statement” (as defined by  
27 the Jencks Act) in the Government’s possession that was made by the witness relating to the  
28 subject matter to which the witness testified. 18 U.S.C. § 3500(b). A “statement” under the Jencks

Act is (1) a written statement made by the witness and signed or otherwise adopted or approved by him, (2) a substantially verbatim, contemporaneously recorded transcription of the witness's oral statement, or (3) a statement by the witness before a grand jury. 18 U.S.C. § 3500(e). If notes are read back to a witness to see whether or not the government agent correctly understood what the witness was saying, that act constitutes "adoption by the witness" for purposes of the Jencks Act. United States v. Boshell, 952 F.2d 1101, 1105 (9th Cir. 1991) (citing Goldberg v. United States, 425 U.S. 94, 98 (1976)). While the Government is only required to produce all Jencks Act material after the witness testifies, the Government plans to provide most (if not all) Jencks Act material well in advance of trial to avoid any needless delays.

**(17) Giglio Information**

As stated previously, the United States will comply with its obligations pursuant to Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), the Jencks Act, United States v. Henthorn, 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir. 1991), and Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150 (1972).

**(18) Agreements Between the Government and Witnesses**

The Government has not made or attempted to make any agreements with prospective Government witnesses for any type of compensation for their cooperation or testimony.

**(19) Informants and Cooperating Witnesses**

The Government must generally disclose the identity of informants where (1) the informant is a material witness, or (2) the informant's testimony is crucial to the defense. Roviaro v. United States, 353 U.S. 53, 59 (1957). If there is a confidential informant involved in this case, the Court may, in some circumstances, be required to conduct an in-chambers inspection to determine whether disclosure of the informant's identity is required under Roviaro. See United States v. Ramirez-Rangel, 103 F.3d 1501, 1508 (9th Cir. 1997). If the Government determines that there is a confidential informant who is a material witness in this case, the Government will either disclose the identity of the informant or submit the informant's identity to the Court for an in-chambers inspection.

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1                   **(20) Bias by Informants or Cooperating Witnesses**

2                   As stated above, the United States is unaware of any evidence indicating that a prospective  
3 witness is biased or prejudiced against Defendant. The United States is also unaware of any  
4 evidence that prospective witnesses have a motive to falsify or distort testimony.

5                   **(21) Law Enforcement Personnel Files**

6                   The United States will continue to comply with its obligations pursuant to United States  
7 v. Henthorn, 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir. 1991).

8                   **(22) TECS Reports**

9                   Defendant is not entitled to TECS reports unless the Government seeks to introduce the  
10 TECS reports as 404(b) evidence. Prior border crossings do not fall within the scope of 404(b)  
11 unless offered for a purpose consistent with 404(b). Defendant's interpretation of Vega is simply  
12 wrong. Vega merely holds that, to qualify under Rule 404(b), an act need not be intrinsically  
13 "bad." United States v. Vega, 188 F.3d 1150 (9th Cir. 1999). Vega does not purport to overrule  
14 all the prior Ninth Circuit (and other courts of appeals) authority that universally holds that, for  
15 Rule 404(b) to apply, the "act" must relate to the defendant's character. If in fact Vega purports  
16 to overrule prior precedent, it is not good law and should not be followed. The Vega panel did not  
17 have the authority to overrule prior Ninth Circuit cases. See e.g., Hart v. Massanari, 266 F.3d  
18 1155, 1171 (9th Cir. 2001).

19                   **(23) Expert Summaries**

20                   The Government will comply with Rule 16(a)(1)(G) and provide Defendant with a written  
21 summary of any expert testimony that the Government intends to use under Rules 702, 703, or 705  
22 of the Federal Rules of Evidence during its case-in-chief at trial. This summary shall include the  
23 expert witnesses' qualifications, the expert witnesses opinions, the bases, and reasons for those  
24 opinions.

25                   **(24) Law Enforcement Training Records, Performance Goals and Policy Awards**

26                   Defendant makes a blanket request for all law enforcement training manuals, instructions  
27 and information regarding policy goals and awards relating to the detection of contraband.  
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1 Defendant provides no authority for this request, nor does Defendant articulate any basis for the  
2 discovery of this information. The Government opposes this request.

3 (25) **DEA-7 Form**

4 The United States has already produced the DEA-7 form.

5 (26) **Residual Request**

6 The Government has already complied with Defendant's request for prompt compliance  
7 with its discovery obligations. The Government will comply with all of its discovery obligations,  
8 but objects to the broad and unspecified nature of Defendant's residual discovery request.

9 (27) **Grand Jury Transcripts**

10 Defendant has not demonstrated a particularized need for the Grand Jury transcripts. The  
11 Government will provided Defendant with any prior statements of witnesses that it intends to call  
12 at trial.

13 (28). **Preservation of Evidence**

14 The United States will preserve all evidence to which Defendant is entitled pursuant to the  
15 relevant discovery rules. However, the United States objects to Defendant's blanket request to  
16 preserve all physical evidence.

17 The United States has complied and will continue to comply with Rule 16(a)(1)(C) in  
18 allowing Defendant an opportunity, upon reasonable notice, to examine, copy and inspect physical  
19 evidence which is within his possession, custody or control of the United States, and which is  
20 material to the preparation of Defendant's defense or are intended for use by the United States as  
21 evidence in chief at trial, or were obtained from or belong to Defendant, including photographs.  
22 The United States has made the evidence available to Defendant and Defendant's investigators and  
23 will comply with any request for inspection.

24 Again, the United States will continue to comply with its obligations pursuant to  
25 United States v. Henthorn, 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir. 1991).

26 (29) **Dog Discovery**

27 The Government has turned over all discovery to which Defendant is entitled. However,  
28 Obviously, as this investigation continues more evidence may be uncovered and the Government

1 will provide access to such newly acquired evidence as is required pursuant to the Federal Criminal  
2 Rules and caselaw interpreting those rules. However, discovery concerning the narcotic detector  
3 dog is generally not discoverable. The Government opposes such production of discovery.

4 **B. PRESERVE AND INSPECT EVIDENCE**

5 The Government does not oppose Defendant's motion to inspect and photograph evidence  
6 seized. The Government will make the vehicle available at a time convenient to the Government.  
7 Moreover, the Government will allow Defendant to view and photograph the physical evidence  
8 seized from the vehicle.

9 **C. THE GRAND JURY INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOT FAULTY, AND THE**  
10 **INDICTMENT SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED**

11 It bears noting that the Hon. Barry Ted Moskowitz and the Hon. John A. Houston, both  
12 recently issued a detailed Order analyzing and rejecting all of the arguments Defendant raises here.  
13 See Order of Judge Moskowitz, attached as Appendix 3 and Order of Judge Houston attached as  
14 Appendix 4. The United States adopts the reasoning in this Court's previous order and requests  
15 that the Court reach the same result. Attached as Appendix 1 is the "Partial Transcript" of the  
16 Grand Jury Proceedings. Attached as Appendix 2 is a redacted "Supplemental Transcript" which  
17 records the relevant portions of the voir dire proceedings.

18 Other courts of this district have repeatedly rejected the arguments raised by Defendant  
19 before, and we ask the Court to do so again.

20 **D. LEAVE TO FILE FURTHER MOTIONS**

21 The Government does not oppose this motion, as long as future motions are based upon  
22 evidence or information not now available.  
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## III

**UNITED STATES' MOTIONS****A. Government's Motion for Reciprocal Discovery****1. Rule 16(b)**

Defendant has invoked Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(a) in his motion for discovery and the Government has already voluntarily complied with the requirements of Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(a). Therefore, Rule 16(b) should presently be determined to be operable as to Defendant.

The Government, pursuant to Rule 16(b), hereby requests that Defendant permit the Government to inspect, copy, and photograph any and all books, papers, documents, photographs, tangible objects, or make copies of portions thereof, which are within the possession, custody, or control of Defendant and which she intends to introduce as evidence in her case-in-chief at trial. The Government further requests that it be permitted to inspect and copy or photograph any results or reports of physical or mental examinations and of scientific tests or experiments made in connection with this case, which are in the possession or control of Defendant, which she intends to introduce as evidence-in-chief at the trial or which were prepared by a witness whom Defendant intends to call as a witness. The Government also requests that the Court make such orders as it deems necessary under Rule 16(d)(1) and (2) to insure that the Government receives the discovery to which it is entitled.

**2. Rule 26.2**

Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 26.2 requires the production of prior statements of all witnesses, except any statement of Defendant. The rule provides for the reciprocal production of Jencks statements. The time frame established by the rule requires the statement to be provided after the witness has testified, as in the Jencks Act. Therefore, the Government hereby requests that Defendant be ordered to supply all prior statements of defense witnesses by a reasonable date before trial to be set by the Court. This order should include any form

1 these statements are memorialized in, including, but not limited to, tape recordings,  
2 handwritten or typed notes, and/or reports.

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4 **IV**

5 **CONCLUSION**

6 For the above stated reasons, the Government respectfully requests that Defendant's  
7 motions be denied, and the Court grant the United States' motion.

8 DATED: March 4, 2008.

9 Respectfully Submitted,

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11 United States Attorney

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v.	)	
	)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
JOSE SOBERANES-ROBLES,	)	
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Defendant.	)	

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IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, ALESSANDRA P. SERANO, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age. My business address is 880 Front Street, Room 6293, San Diego, California 92101-8893.

I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of United States' Response and Opposition to Defendant's Motions and the Government's Motion for Reciprocal Discovery on the following parties by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System, which electronically notifies them.

Elizabeth Barros, Esq.  
Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 4, 2008.

s/Alessandra P. Serano  
ALESSANDRA P. SERANO